

REMARKS

This preliminary amendment accompanies a request for continuation of allowed patent application Serial No. 09/152,662.

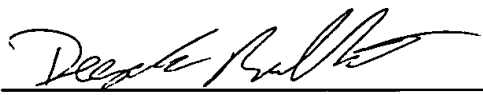
The specification has been amended to provide a cross reference to the parent application, and to make various other amendments that were made and approved during prosecution of the parent application.

The new claims are similar to, but different from, claims allowed in the parent application.

Examination on the merits is requested. The undersigned is available for telephone consultation at any time during normal business hours (Pacific Time Zone).

Respectfully submitted,

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